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TAGS: PDEV, PINT, PINTS, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: STUDENTS SENTENCED FOR PROTEST

REF: PRETORIA 2385

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, 79 RHODESIAN STUDENTS WERE
ARRESTED AFTER THE ATTEMPTED DEMONSTRATION MARCH REPORTED REFTEL.
MOST OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE APPARENTLY NOT WITH THE MAIN PROTEST
BODY BUT HAD FORMED IN THE CENTER OF SALISBURY IN A SEPARATE
DEMONSTRATION ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE ARRESTED GROUP ALSO
INCLUDED STUDENT LEADER ISHMAIL CHATIKOBO AND TWO OTHER STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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2. THE 79 STUDENTS WERE GIVEN A HEARING ON APRIL 26 AND
SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS HARD LABOR, SUSPENDED FOR FIVE YEARS,
FOR CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAW AND ORDER ACT. UNIVERSITY
OFFICIALS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN
AGAINST THE OTHER ESTIMATED 600 STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART. PRESS
REPORTS SAY THAT MOST OF THE UNIVERSITY'S 1300 BLACK STUDENTS
BOYCOTTED CLASSES AFTER HEARING OF THE SENTENCES IMPOSED (THERE

ARE SOME 900 WHITE STUDENTS ALSO AT THE UNIVERSITY).
STUDENT LEADERS WOULD NOT COMMENT ON ANY FURTHER PLANNED ACTION
BUT ONE IS QUOTED AS SAYING " WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE
SALISBURY AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT OVERLOOKS EVERYTHING THE
BLACKS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN DEMANDING."
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